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Most Gracious Sovereign,

NOTwithstanding the many Rumours that have been spread Abroad, whereby some Men would insinuate strange and unaccountable Things; yet with a Heart truly Loyal and Submissive, I beg leave to approach Your Majesty.

Believe me, Madam, that nothing gives me a greater Concern, nothing leaves so deep an Impression on my Mind, as the Thoughts of living so remote from *England*. For tho' I have all the Plenty that any Principality, that any Foreign Country can afford, yet I must confess, the Earthly Happiness which I enjoy does not relish half so sweet, nor give such ample Satisfaction, as if I breath'd my Native Air.

I once had the Honour to be near Your Majesty, and the many Places of Profit and Advantage which You were graciously pleas'd to confer upon me, were so many evident Proofs of Your Royal Favours. How I came to be so unfortunate, as to be suddenly laid aside, I shall not now enter upon, believing it to be a Subject altogether displeasing: I acknowledge that I was continued longer than I deserved, and justly merited Your Displeasure: I shall not go about to extenuate my Infirmities, but submit my self entirely to Your Majesty's most extensive Mercy.

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My Gracious Majesty,
I have the honor to receive from you the great pleasure of your Majesty's letter, which I will always hold in the highest esteem, and which I beg leave to present to you with a most truly loyal and submissive regard.

I have, my Majesty, that I have received from you a great number of letters, which I have always read with the greatest attention, and which I have always found to be full of wisdom and goodness. I have, my Majesty, that I have received from you a great number of letters, which I have always read with the greatest attention, and which I have always found to be full of wisdom and goodness.

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I have fought many Battles, and have beaten Your Foes, yet should I hope that the Success of Ten Campaigns, that a constant Series of Victories, should be attributed to me, such an aspiring Thought would be the greatest Presumption; I therefore (next to God and Your Majesty's just and good Cause) must own, That the Glory of Reducing the strongest Towns in *Flanders*, and routing the Enemy (tho' strongly Entrench'd, and frequently a Fifth more in Number than Your Majesty's Forces and Your Allies) was owing to the natural and innate Courage and Intrepidity of the *British* Troops. For my own part, I am contented to share the least of the Praise, and rest satisfied that I had the Honour to lead such warlike Forces, and to have been any way Instrumental in serving my Queen and Country.

Your Majesty, with the joint Advice and Consent of Your faithful Ministry and Council have prudently concluded a safe and honourable Peace: God grant that it may be durable, and that You may enjoy the Fruits thereof, who since Your happy Accession to the Throne, have seen nothing but Wars and Disorders. You have postpon'd Your own Happiness, to create Ease and Plenty for Your Subjects; You have neglected Your own Repose, and deny'd Your Self the Enjoyments of this World, that their Satisfaction may be the more compleat. What could the most tender, the most indulgent Mother do more? Heaven grant that every Subject may shew his Gratitude, and manifest to the World that he is truly sensible of Your Care and Concern, by banishing and discountenancing *Faction* and *Sedition*.

Should the War break out again (which God of his infinite Mercy avert) give me leave, Madam, to assure You, *That no Man should be more ready, no Man would rejoice to be in the Field earlier than I should, should Your Majesty vouchsafe to honour me with a Command. Or indeed, tho' I should be judged, as I own my self unworthy thereof; yet I would with the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction imaginable, contribute as much as in me lay to carry on the same vigorously, in order to bring it to a more speedy Conclusion.*

But I hope the Residue of Your Days will be peaceable, that You may have the Enjoyment thereof; that Your *Harass'd* and *Impoverish'd* Nation may Recruit and grow Rich; and that every Man may sit down quietly under his own Fig-Tree.

Yet, Madam, there is one thing which gives me a wonderful Uneasiness, the Aspersions I lie under of *Embezzling the Nation's Money, and Converting it to my own proper Use*, is what strikes me to the Heart: I therefore most humbly Implore Your Royal Majesty to permit me to Return to *England*, where I am willing to spend the Remainder of my Days; that I may Answer to whatever Charges shall be exhibited against me, who am willing to disburse and lay out what Monies Your Majesty shall think proper to Allot, for my Country's Welfare. 'Tis natural for every Man to love the Place of his Nativity, and that I may once more see *England*; and have the Honour to cast my self at Your Majesty's Feet, is the fervent Prayer of,

May it please Your MAJESTY,

Your Majesty's most Dutiful and most

Obedient Subject and Servant,

MARLBOROUGH.

Heidelberg,
March 25. N. S.